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### **MALEK SEIF PLEADS GUILTY**

**PHOENIX, ARIZONA** -- The United States Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona, announced today that MALEK MOHAMED SEIF, DOB 9/24/65, who was arrested in Phoenix, Arizona, on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2001, and remains in custody, pled guilty in Federal court in Phoenix, Arizona on February 26, 2002, to one count of Social Security fraud from the Arizona Indictment and one count of False Statements from the California Indictment.

Pursuant to the plea agreement covering both indictments, SEIF will appear for sentencing on April 22, 2002, before the Honorable Paul G. Rosenblatt, United States District Judge, and be sentenced to the time he has served, approximately six months, which the prosecution estimated to be his maximum sentence under the Federal Sentencing Guidelines. SEIF will thereafter depart the United States pursuant to the plea agreement.

The investigations in these two cases was conducted by the FBI's terrorism task force and the Office of Inspector General, Social Security Administration.

The prosecution is being handled by Peter Sexton, Assistant United States Attorney and John Webb, Special Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Phoenix, Arizona.

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